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1. AMEMBASSY BEIRUT ORGANIZING DEPARTURE FROM WEST BEIRUT FOR U.S. CITIZENS AND THIRD COUNTRY NATIONALS. MEANS OF DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION NOT YET SET. THIS HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN FRENCH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER AND ON BBC. DEPARTURE ANNOUNCED FOR JULY 20, ALTHOUGH FINAL PLANS NOT YET SET. ANNOUNCEMENTS INVITED INTERESTED PARTIES TO REGISTER AT US EMBASSY FOR DEPARTURE.

2. AS OF EARLY JULY 17, NO SWEDISH CITIZENS HAVE REGISTERED. OTHER THAN THREE SWEDES AT TELL ZAATAR AND TWO SWEDISH JOURNALISTS WHO TALKED TO THEM BY RADIO UNDER PLO AUSPICES (REFTEL B), WE HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OF SWEDISH CITIZENS IN LEBANON. SWEDISH JOURNALISTS HAVE NOT CONTACTED US EMBASSY.

3. CHRISTIAN SOURCES EARLY JULY 17 TELL US THEY HAVE HAD NO CONTACTS WITH SWEDES AT TELL ZAATAR.

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4. UNDER PREVAILING CONDITIONS, WE WOULD NOT EXPECT SWEDES

AT TELL ZAATAR WOULD BE ABLE REACH WEST BEIRUT TO JOIN US-
ORGANIZED DEPARTURE. WE UNDERSTAND THEY ARE IN ANY CASE
SYMPATHETIC TO PALESTINIAN CAUSE, AND THEREFORE
WE DO NOT EXPECT THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN JOINING
DEPARTURE, EVEN IF IT WERE POSSIBLE. NEVERTHELESS, THEY

JUST AS ALL THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS, ARE WELCOME TO JOIN
DEPARTURE. WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE UNDER CIRCUM-
STANCES TO MAKE THIS AS WIDELY KNOWN AS POSSIBLE.
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